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December 14, 2011

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Synergy Business Park
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: GCRM-132, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-132.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels below the \$3.75 commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's rates.

Based on the differential between Piedmont's existing benchmark cost of gas and the futures wholesale price, as well as the current balance in its deferred gas cost account, Piedmont is at risk of overcollecting its wholesale gas costs in the near future if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not decreased to \$3.25 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will avoid such overcollection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are a decrease of \$0.05089/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 221, 232, 242, 252, 262, 203 and 204) and a decrease of \$0.00089/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214).

Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in January, 2012.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

s/ Scott M. Tyler
Scott M. Tyler

Enclosures

c: Mr. David Carpenter
Ms. Pia Powers
Mr. Jim Jeffries
Office of Regulatory Staff (via email and 5 copies via overnight delivery)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

VERIFICATION

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Pia Powers, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Manager – Regulatory Affairs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

Pia Powers

Pia Powers

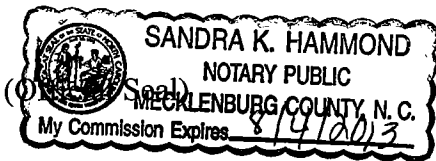
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Signed and sworn to before me this day by Pia Powers.

Date: December 14, 2011

Sandra K. Hammond

Sandra K. Hammond, Notary Public



My commission expires: August 4, 2013

RATES AND CHARGES

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Residential Service - Value Rate 201

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.74294
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.69764

Residential Service - Standard Rate 221

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.95014
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.95650

Outdoor Gaslight Service - Rate 205

Monthly Charge	\$ 15.00
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SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Commercial

Small General Service - Standard Rate 202

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.85852
		April - October	\$ 0.82245

Small General Service - Value Rate 232

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 2,000	\$ 0.79572
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.76449
		April - October	First 2,000	\$ 0.69634
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.66789

Medium General Service - Standard Rate 252

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.83303
		April - October	\$ 0.78946

Medium General Service - Value Rate 262

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 5,000	\$ 0.76121
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.72547
		April - October	First 5,000	\$ 0.66509
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.63920

Small General Service - Motor Fuel Rate 242

Monthly Charge *	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		Rate Per GGE **
		November - March	\$ 0.58185	0.73313 **
		April - October	\$ 0.54948	0.69234 **

* The Monthly Charge for Rate 242 is not applicable to gas service provided at the Company's Premises.

** The Company may bill in units of Gasoline Gallon Equivalent ("GGE") for gas service provided at the Company's Premises under Rate 242. The rates above convert 1.26 Therms to 1 GGE.

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Industrial

Large General Sales Service - Rate 203

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)			\$	1.79812
Rate Per Therm				
	<u>November - March</u>		<u>April - October</u>	
First 15,000	\$ 0.59760	First 15,000	\$ 0.50636	
Next 15,000	\$ 0.52685	Next 15,000	\$ 0.45737	
Next 75,000	\$ 0.48768	Next 75,000	\$ 0.46114	
Next 165,000	\$ 0.41464	Next 165,000	\$ 0.39607	
Next 330,000	\$ 0.35932	Next 330,000	\$ 0.35432	
Over 600,000	\$ 0.33075	Over 600,000	\$ 0.33075	

Interruptible Sales Service - Rate 204

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00
Rate Per Therm				
	<u>November - March</u>		<u>April - October</u>	
First 15,000	\$ 0.67448	First 15,000	\$ 0.52095	
Next 15,000	\$ 0.59756	Next 15,000	\$ 0.47146	
Next 75,000	\$ 0.54059	Next 75,000	\$ 0.44324	
Next 165,000	\$ 0.56120	Next 165,000	\$ 0.42498	
Next 330,000	\$ 0.45776	Next 330,000	\$ 0.36932	
Over 600,000	\$ 0.37075	Over 600,000	\$ 0.34075	

Large General Transportation Service - Rate 213

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)			\$	0.59651
Standby Sales Service Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)			\$	1.20161
Rate Per Therm				
	<u>November - March</u>		<u>April - October</u>	
First 15,000	\$ 0.24568	First 15,000	\$ 0.17422	
Next 15,000	\$ 0.17895	Next 15,000	\$ 0.12590	
Next 75,000	\$ 0.13248	Next 75,000	\$ 0.10006	
Next 165,000	\$ 0.08926	Next 165,000	\$ 0.06740	
Next 330,000	\$ 0.03457	Next 330,000	\$ 0.02932	
Over 600,000	\$ 0.00575	Over 600,000	\$ 0.00575	

Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 214

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00
Rate Per Therm				
	<u>November - March</u>		<u>April - October</u>	
First 15,000	\$ 0.24540	First 15,000	\$ 0.17401	
Next 15,000	\$ 0.17857	Next 15,000	\$ 0.12504	
Next 75,000	\$ 0.13022	Next 75,000	\$ 0.09482	
Next 165,000	\$ 0.08214	Next 165,000	\$ 0.06448	
Next 330,000	\$ 0.03521	Next 330,000	\$ 0.04962	
Over 600,000	\$ 0.00575	Over 600,000	\$ 0.00575	

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Miscellaneous Fees And Charges

Schedule For Limiting And Curtailing Service - Rate 206

Emergency Service Rate Per Therm	\$ 1.00	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Unauthorized Over Run Penalty Per Therm	\$ 2.50	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.

Reconnect Fees

February Through August	\$ 40.00
September Through January	\$ 60.00

Returned Check Charge

Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00
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Issued by Thomas E. Skains, Chairman, President and CEO
Issued to comply with the authority granted by
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
GCRM - 132

Issued: December 14, 2011
Effective: January 2012

SCHEDULE A

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Purchase Gas Adjustment effective January 2012
GCRM -132

South Carolina Rate Schedules:		Current November 2011 <u>Billing Rates</u>	Commodity Change	Proposed January 2012 <u>Billing Rates</u>
201	Residential Service - Value			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00		10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00		8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.79383	(0.05089)	0.74294
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.74853	(0.05089)	0.69764
221	Residential Service - Standard			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00		10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00		8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.00103	(0.05089)	0.95014
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.00739	(0.05089)	0.95650
205	Outdoor Gas Light Service			
	Monthly Charge	15.00		15.00
202	Small General Service-Standard			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.90941	(0.05089)	0.85852
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.87334	(0.05089)	0.82245
232	Small General Service-Value			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 2,000	0.84661	(0.05089)	0.79572
	Over 2,000	0.81538	(0.05089)	0.76449
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 2,000	0.74723	(0.05089)	0.69634
	Over 2,000	0.71878	(0.05089)	0.66789
252	Medium General Service-Standard			
	Monthly Charge	75.00		75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.88392	(0.05089)	0.83303
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.84035	(0.05089)	0.78946
262	Medium General Service-Value			
	Monthly Charge	75.00		75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 5,000	0.81210	(0.05089)	0.76121
	Over 5,000	0.77636	(0.05089)	0.72547
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 5,000	0.71598	(0.05089)	0.66509
	Over 5,000	0.69009	(0.05089)	0.63920
242	Small General Service-Motor Fuel			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.63274	(0.05089)	0.58185
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.60037	(0.05089)	0.54948
203	Large General Sales Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Billing Demand (therms)	1.79812		1.79812
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.64849	(0.05089)	0.59760
	Next 15,000	0.57774	(0.05089)	0.52685
	Next 75,000	0.53857	(0.05089)	0.48768
	Next 165,000	0.46553	(0.05089)	0.41464
	Next 330,000	0.41021	(0.05089)	0.35932
	Over 600,000	0.38164	(0.05089)	0.33075
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.55725	(0.05089)	0.50636
	Next 15,000	0.50826	(0.05089)	0.45737
	Next 75,000	0.51203	(0.05089)	0.46114
	Next 165,000	0.44696	(0.05089)	0.39607
	Next 330,000	0.40521	(0.05089)	0.35432
	Over 600,000	0.38164	(0.05089)	0.33075

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204	Interruptible Sales Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.72537	(0.05089)	0.67448
	Next 15,000	0.64845	(0.05089)	0.59756
	Next 75,000	0.59148	(0.05089)	0.54059
	Next 165,000	0.61209	(0.05089)	0.56120
	Next 330,000	0.50865	(0.05089)	0.45776
	Over 600,000	0.42164	(0.05089)	0.37075
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.57184	(0.05089)	0.52095
	Next 15,000	0.52235	(0.05089)	0.47146
	Next 75,000	0.49413	(0.05089)	0.44324
	Next 165,000	0.47587	(0.05089)	0.42498
	Next 330,000	0.42021	(0.05089)	0.36932
	Over 600,000	0.39164	(0.05089)	0.34075
213	Large General Transportation Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Standby Demand	1.20161		1.20161
	Billing Demand (therms)	0.59651		0.59651
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.24657	(0.00089)	0.24568
	Next 15,000	0.17984	(0.00089)	0.17895
	Next 75,000	0.13337	(0.00089)	0.13248
	Next 165,000	0.09015	(0.00089)	0.08926
	Next 330,000	0.03546	(0.00089)	0.03457
	Over 600,000	0.00664	(0.00089)	0.00575
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.17511	(0.00089)	0.17422
	Next 15,000	0.12679	(0.00089)	0.12590
	Next 75,000	0.10095	(0.00089)	0.10006
	Next 165,000	0.06829	(0.00089)	0.06740
	Next 330,000	0.03021	(0.00089)	0.02932
	Over 600,000	0.00664	(0.00089)	0.00575
214	Interruptible Transportation Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.24629	(0.00089)	0.24540
	Next 15,000	0.17946	(0.00089)	0.17857
	Next 75,000	0.13111	(0.00089)	0.13022
	Next 165,000	0.08303	(0.00089)	0.08214
	Next 330,000	0.03610	(0.00089)	0.03521
	Over 600,000	0.00664	(0.00089)	0.00575
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.17490	(0.00089)	0.17401
	Next 15,000	0.12593	(0.00089)	0.12504
	Next 75,000	0.09571	(0.00089)	0.09482
	Next 165,000	0.06537	(0.00089)	0.06448
	Next 330,000	0.05051	(0.00089)	0.04962
	Over 600,000	0.00664	(0.00089)	0.00575

SCHEDULE B

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
South Carolina
Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation
GCRM - 132

	Annualized Throughput (DT) per Docket 2011-7-G Settlement Approved on 9/28/2011	Proposed Increase (Decrease) Rate per (DT)	Total
Sales	13,262,437	\$ (0.50)	\$ (6,631,219)
Transportation	5,318,061		
Total Throughput	18,580,498		
LAUF %	1.77%		
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	328,875	\$ (0.50)	\$ (164,438)
Total Throughput			18,580,498
LAUF Rate Adjustment per DT			(0.0089)
Sales Commodity Rate Adjustment per DT			(0.50890)
Sales Commodity Rate Adjustment per Therm			(0.05089)
Transportation Commodity Rate Adjustment per DT			(0.00890)
Transportation Commodity Rate Adjustment per Therm			(0.00089)
Current Effective Benchmark per DT		\$	3.75
Proposed Effective Benchark per DT		\$	3.25

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached documents are being served this date via email and UPS Overnight (5 copies) upon:

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This the 14th day of December, 2011.

s/ Scott M. Tyler
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